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BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Bureau of the Budget Recommendations for the OXCART Program.

1. The attached pages contain comments on the assumptions made in Mr. Thomas' recommendations to the Director of the Budget to eliminate the OXCART program. The comments are in the areas of policy, technology, operations and security.

2. There is a point of paramount importance, however, which should be made prior to a discussion of Mr. Thomas' assumptions. Mr. Thomas' recommendation to eliminate the OXCART program is to deny the United States Government a non-military capability to conduct aerial reconnaissance of denied areas in the world in the years ahead.

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